GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ABSENTEEISM OF SCHOOL TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank`s Development Policy Review for India has said that the nationwide presence of, teachers in school is found to be 50% only and that 50% of the children living in urban areas in eight major states are dependent on private schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.08.2006 BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING ABSENTEEISM OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

(a) to (c) The World Bank Report of February 2006 entitled Development Policy Review for India etc. covers a wide range of topics including infrastructure, health, agriculture, accountability and governance structures among others. Elementary Education, inter-alia, has also been covered. The survey has stated that less than half of teachers were both present and engaged in classroom activity and that in the urban areas of eight major states, more than half of the children in elementary school are in private schools.The data given by the survey does not distinguish between private aided and private unaided institutions.

Elementary School Education is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, emphasis has been given on the role of Village Education Committees or Local Bodies in the monitoring and supervision of schools including attendance of teachers. State Governments have also exhorted to ensure teacher presence during school hours. As far as the schools run by the Ministry of Human Resource Development like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Central Tibetan Schools are concerned, there is no such report of teacher absenteeism.